

THE VOICE OF THE ORIENT

Ganges to the Seine, she who
afterwards
became the Princess Talleyrand-
Perigord, and
the two greatest men of her day in
India, the
Governor-General and the senior
member of
Council fought a duel together which
was
popularly, though proved falsely,
believed to
have been on her account. This
woman was
the brightest star in a galaxy of which
Johnson
wrote to Boswell, and which Romney
and
Gainsborough painted. When Mme.
Grand
looked last upon the snows ill luck
had come
to her who had made a Viceroy
forget his
honour, for Mr. Grand was claiming
160,000
in the celebrated divorce case he
brought
against Sir Philip Francis, and
received
£5000. Did the great adventuress
absorb
some of their mighty strength as well
as their
sparkling brilliance, that when she
reached
Europe she bewitched a French
Premier who
had escaped the beauty of Recamier,
the fasci-
nation of de Stael, and for whose
marriage
with her both Napoleon and
Josephine were

warm advocates ?

Isabel Burton, fresh from the
galleries of
gold and vermillion of priceless sacred
pictures,
from the dim mediaeval chapel of
Wardour,
yet loved the golden glory of the
Ghauts,